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SUBJECT:BRIEFING AMBASSADOR SHEN ON BRZEZINSKI VISIT

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(B) TAIPEI 3352

1. ASST SEC HOLBROOKE BRIEFED ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN MAY 30
ON BRZEZINSKI TRIP ALONG LINES SET FORTH REF A. UN-
FORTUNATELY MEETING WAS CURTAILED BY HOLBROOKE'S HAVING TO
ATTEND MEETING IN DEPUTY SECRETARY'S OFFICE. THIS PLUS
FACT THAT SHEN'S CAR HAD BEEN DIVERTED TO 21ST STREET
ENTRANCE BY NATO SUMMIT, LEADING TO CONFUSION IN ESCORT
ARRANGEMENTS, PUT SHEN IN EVEN FEISTIER MOOD THAN USUAL
AND COULD WELL COLOR REPORT HE SENDS HOME.

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2. HOLBROOKE EMPHASIZED THAT DISCUSSION OF GLOBAL ISSUES,
CONSTITUTING 90 PERCENT OF PEKING CONVERSATIONS, HAD EN-
HANCED US-PRC RELATIONS BY DEMONSTRATING THE TWO
SIDES HAD COMMON INTERESTS IN MANY AREAS OF THE WORLD;
NEVERTHELESS THERE WERE NO NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBJECT OF NOR-
MALIZATION AND NOTHING SAID OR DONE IN PEKING IN ANY WAY
JEOPARDIZED PEACE OR PROSPERITY OF TAIWAN OR ITS ABILITY

TO MAINTAIN NECESSARY CONTACTS WITH US. SHEN SAID IT

SOUNDED TO HIM AS THOUGH US HAD SIMPLY AGREED TO PRC
THREE CONDITIONS AND ALL THAT REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT
WAS NORMALIZATION DATE; WAS THIS TRUE? HOLBROOKE RE-
ITERATED THERE HAD BEEN NO NEGOTIATIONS ON NORMALIZATION,
NOR WAS ANY TIMETABLE FOR NEGOTIATION DISCUSSED. HE
UNDERScoreD THAT US, AS IT HAD DONE IN PAST, WOULD KEEP
ROC INFORMED. CERTAINLY THE ATMOSPHERE IN US-PRC RE-
LATIONS HAD BEEN IMPROVED BY THE TRIP BUT THIS
WAS BECAUSE OF CONGRUENT VIEWS ON MANY GLOBAL ISSUES,
ESPECIALLY AFRICA.

3. SHEN INQUIRED ABOUT JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS OF US
AGREEMENT TO SELL MILITARY ITEMS TO PRC AND HOLBROOKE
DENIED ANY TRUTH TO THESE REPORTS. IN CONCLUSION, SHEN
ASKED IF HE WOULD BE CORRECT IN REPORTING THAT FULL NOR-
MALIZATION WAS NOW WELL ON THE WAY. HOLBROOKE REPLIED
THAT NORMALIZATION HAS BEEN AND REMAINS THE GOAL OF THE
ADMINISTRATION, BUT IT WOULD BE QUITE INCORRECT TO SAY
THAT THE PROCESS HAD TAKEN ANY DRAMATIC TURN AS A
RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN PRKING: IN ANY CASE, US
WILL CONTINUE TO ACT DELIBERATELY AND RESPONSIBLY. VANCE

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